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## Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 11/10/2005, disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the statutory term prior patent No. 6,559,236 as the term of the patent is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

## Election/Restrictions

The amendment filed on 11/10/2005 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they appear to be to a heterogeneous polymer powder with a Tg below +50 Celsius prepared in the presence of a cationic protective colloid, while the originally elected invention was to an amphoteric copolymer powder initially claimed to have a Tg below 50 Celsius, wherein the hydrophilic monomers may constitute the inner phase of the polymer (as oppose to the outer phase as a protective colloid would). The actual structure now being claimed is not exactly clear, but is different from that originally claimed.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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